Power tariff

1214. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state the details of the power tariff per unit in different States and Union Territories as on 31st August, 1986 including the Central Government's power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): The estimated average rates of electricity for various categories of consumers in different States and Union Territories as on 31-8-1986 are given in the attached Staaement. [*See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 52. Power supplied by the Central Generating Stations is pooled by States/Union Territories with the power generated at their own stations for the purpose of fixation of tariff.

Coal reserve in Bankura

1215. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good quality coal reserve has been discovered in Bankura, West Bengal;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when this coal reserves would be exploited for commercial use?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) Good quality non-coking coal reserves have been proved in Kalidaspur and Ardhagram blocks in Bankura District of West Bengal. A reserve of 20.43 million tonnes of non-coking coals upto grade 'C' quality has been proved in Kalidaspur block. A reserve of 47.01 million tonnes of similar quality coals has been proved in Ardhagram block.

Kalidaspur pilot mine has been sanctioned for a capacity of 0.07 million tonne and is expected to start production in 1987-88. Project report for a bigger Kalidaspur underground mine has been prepared. Project report for Ardhagram mine has also been prepared.

Joint sector coal project

1216. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Central Government for a joint sector coal project between Central and a State Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Gas annually produced and utilised by Assam oilfields

1217. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of gas annually produced in Assam oilfields by Oil India Limited and Oil and Natural Gas Commission during the period 1980—85;

(b) what is the total quantity of gas flared up by Oil India Limited and Oil and Natural Gas Commission during the above period;

(c) what is the total quantity of gas commercially utilised during the above period; and

(d) what is the present price of gas at which OIL and ONGC sell it to its customers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) The Yearwise details of production, utilisation and flaring of natural gas in Assam by Oil & Natural Gas Commission and Oil India Limited are as under:

(Million cubic meters per day)

Year	Production	Utilised	Flared
1980-81	2·20	1·51	0·69
1981-82	4·73	2·62	2·11
1982-83	5·02	2·60	2·42
1983-84	5·35	2·54	2·81
1984-85	5·64	3·19	2·45
TOTAL	22·94	12·46	10·48

(d) The present prices of gas all over the country varies from Rs. 88.85 to Rs. 2778.36/1000 M^3 as the Contracts were entered into at different periods of time.

Drilling operation by ONGC

1218. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC propose to start drilling operation in the Jammu region;

(b) if so, what progress has so far been made in this regard; and

(c) by when the drilling work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) ONGC propose to start drilling at Suruinsar in J&K by end of March, 1987, for which preparatory civil works are now nearing completion.

Setting up of Industries through No Industry District and backward district classification Schemes in U.P.

1219. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the schemes for setting up of industries in backward areas through 'No industry district' and backward district classification schemes in Uttar Pradesh has not achieved the desired results;

(b) whether any study has been made in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the results thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to review the entire scheme in the light of the experience gained; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIALS DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) the number of Letters of